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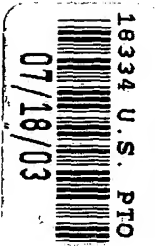
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Hidetsugu SHIMURA and Takashi HAMA
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q76031

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising one hundred thirty-nine (139) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and thirty-five (35) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U. S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.** Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>47</u> - 20	=	<u>27</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$486.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>10</u> - 3	=	<u>7</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$588.00</u>
Base Fee							\$750.00
TOTAL FEE							<u>\$1824.00</u>



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JAPAN	2003-189473	July 1, 2003
JAPAN	2003-189474	July 1, 2003
JAPAN	2003-189475	July 1, 2003
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These priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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